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### The County's Phone Lines.

The extension of the telephone line from Capt. Gilmer's to Ellis Williams' residence on Back Creek, has been completed, and will soon be equipped and ready for use, and the extension of the line from Monterey to Vanderpool and through the gap to, or beyond, Meadow Dale is in progress, which, when completed, will give better service generally throughout the system on Back Creek, Head of River and Crabbottom, by relieving the lines now in operation of several phones with which they are now burdened.

Work is progressing on doubling the line to McDowell and will most likely be completed in a few days and it is confidently expected that when completed, the service east will be much improved and the public generally benefitted thereby.

It appears, now that the phone is an institution which has come to stay. Since we have tested its usefulness, we fail to see how we could dispense with it and go back to the "days of our Daddys." All of our citizens are beneficiaries of this institution, and as good citizens, should have a friendly interest in its success, not that large dividends may accrue to those who have money invested in it, but that the finances of the company may be sufficient to keep the lines in such repair as to insure good service, and at least pay stockholders a reasonable rate of interest on the money invested.

On the other hand, the company should be careful not to make exorbitant charges for the use of its lines, nor adopt unreasonable rules, and regulations with reference to its use.

### Floods at Staunton and Harrisonburg.

There was what appeared to be a cloud-burst above Staunton Saturday night. The stone turnpike bridge at Fisher's Hill was torn away. It was constructed in 1840. B. H. Brower's Mill in course of construction on Tumbling Run, together with the dam, was carried away. For miles along the stream small houses, fences and growing crops, were destroyed. In Staunton, a storehouse being built by Asa Crisman, was carried away, and a stock of merchandise across the street, of L. D. Funkhouser, was ruined. The town was flooded, the water rising to the second story of many houses.

It seems to have been the same that struck Harrisonburg. The loss to crops in the Valley has been very great.

Later reports from the flood at Harrisonburg Saturday show that there was a loss of life there. It seems that at about one o'clock Sunday morning there was a second overflow from another heavy rain, but not as bad as the first. Of the eleven bridges inside the corporate limits, only four remain. It will cost the town about five thousand dollars to restore these bridges. The largest individual loss is H. C. Pankey, liveryman, whose loss is thought to be about \$3,000. A great many others lost in smaller amounts, the total loss reaching probably fifteen thousand dollars.

Yesterday, which was court day, pretty much all the rubbish had been gotten off the streets, and there was a pretty good crowd in town and many horses were sold. There was great damage reported in the county from the storm.

A young couple returning Saturday night from a lawn party at the United Brethren church at Ottobine, drove into Beaver Creek and were drowned. They were Albert Hilbert, 19 or 20 years old, and Etta Reyercomb, 17 years old, of that neighborhood. The body of the girl was recovered Sunday morning, but up to last night the boy's body had not been found. —Staunton Daily News of the 18th inst. —No lives were lost at Harrisonburg.

### Rebuilding Jacksonville.

The Jacksonville papers publish a long list of permits for new buildings in the burned district. Most of these buildings are of solid character, and many of them will be superior to the burned houses which they will replace. There are now enough houses being rebuilt to fur-

nish the home laborers work, but in less than a month it is expected that there will be thousands of brick masons, carpenters, plasterers and hod carriers in the city, and all of them will be at work at good wages. The work of removing the debris is a herculean task and causes delay, but there is a confidence and determination among the citizens that means a great and rapidly growing city.—Sun.

### Bravery Rewarded.

RICHMOND, VA., June 18.—A dramatic scene was enacted on the penitentiary farm, on James river, yesterday. Governor Tyler and the penitentiary board had gone there to inspect the farm. In the presence of these officials three convicts seized the rifles of their guards and made a determined break for liberty. They were pursued by guards and a "trusty," H. G. Bailey, who was serving a year term for manslaughter. Being more fleet of foot than the guards Bailey overtook and after a struggle captured the ringleader. The other two fugitives were captured with the assistance of bloodhounds.

When Bailey started after the ringleader he declared: "I'll capture the leader or never come back alive." When he returned with his prisoner Governor Tyler commended him for his heroism, saying, "You have done well, my man, and you shall this day be a free man." A pardon was ordered to be made out for Bailey, which was handed him when he reached Richmond with the official party.

### Changes in W. R. Revenue.

The following is an unofficial, but reliable, statement of the changes of the war revenue, which has been repealed to take effect July 1:

Bank checks, bills of lading for export, bond or obligation by guarantee company, certificates of damage, certificates of deposit, certificates not otherwise specified, charter party, chewing gum commercial brokers, drafts, sight, express receipts, insurance, lease, manifest for customhouse entry, mortgage or conveyance in trust, order for payment of money on sight or on demand, perfumery and cosmetics, power of attorney to vote, power of attorney to sell, promissory notes, proprietary medicines, protest, telegraph messages, telephone messages, United States money orders, warehouse receipts.—Sun.

A prominent citizen of Randolph County W. Va., brought suit against a newly married woman for breach of promise before a justice. The plaintiff was a widower and had been courting the woman. She married a handsomer man and he sued her for \$28.50. The items in his bill of particulars was mainly for ice-cream, candy and peanuts. Her defense was that the plaintiff, himself, had consumed the greater part of the dainties. The suit was dismissed by the justice but the girls of that county wish it distinctly understood that they accept these kind remembrances without recourse.—Pocahontas Times.

### News Notes.

The shipyard at Newport News, shut down Saturday evening at 6 o'clock throwing seven hundred laborers out of employment.

The Pope has nominated Rev. Thomas F. Kennedy, of St. Charles Barremer College, Overbrook, Pa. for rector of the American College in Rome.

The Boers surprised 250 Victorian Mounted Rifles at Steenkoolpruit, killing two officers and 16 men and wounding 42 others.

Mrs. Hannah Letcher Stevenson, a niece of former Governor John Letcher, of Virginia, died last week in St. Louis, aged 82.

A McKeesport (Pa.) Councilman gave up his office because he couldn't keep it and be a Christian.

The War Department is experimenting with two kinds of bombs for opposite effects. One kind explodes to effect the illumination of an enemy's position; the other produces a dense smoke to hide the movements of the troops using it.

John Dunlap, a prominent lawyer died at Richmond Saturday.

Edwin Osburn, treasurer of Princeton University died at Princeton N. J., on the 15th inst. He was to have been married the following Monday.

Here are some curious facts about our calendar, says an exchange: No century can begin on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday. The same calendar can be used every 20 years. October always begins on the same day of the week as January, April, and July. September, December, February, March and November begin on different days. May, June and August always begin on different days from each other and every other month in the year. The first and last days of the year are the same. These rules do not apply to leap year when comparison is made between the days before and after February 29.

### The New Issue of Stamps.

It will pay those receiving letters and packages with two-cent Pan-American stamps on them to scrutinize the stamp closely as some of them are said to be worth \$20. It is said that a sheet containing 100 stamps was reversed before being run off, thus causing the picture of the express train to be printed with in the red border.

The sheet was not noticed by the postoffice authorities at Washington, and it was sent with a consignment of stamps in the ordinary course of business to the Brooklyn, N. Y., postoffice, where a manufacturing firm bought ten of the stamps and wrote to the department at Washington complaining of them, using one of the very stamps in transmitting its letter of protest.

Thus the fact came out and an enterprising philatelist at Washington at once set out to secure as many as possible. He secured four by paying a Brooklyn man \$20 each for them. A stamp firm is said to have secured two more of the stamps.—Elgin Advocate.

### John D. Sterrett Died Sunday Night.

Mr. John D. Sterrett died Sunday night at 10 o'clock at his home near Bells Valley. He had been sick since fall with a malignant disorder of the kidneys.

Mr. Sterrett was born 78 years ago in the house in which he died and in which most of his life was spent. His father was Robert Sterrett, an enterprising and successful business man. His mother was before marriage Miss Isabella Dunlap of Augusta county. Mr. Sterrett was educated at Washington college where he was graduated in 1847 with the degree of bachelor of arts.

He engaged extensively for a long time in grazing on a beautiful estate he owned at Bells Valley and choice grazing lands at Crabbottom in Highland.

Mr. Sterrett was a man of fine culture and great intellectuality. Some years ago he submitted to the inspection of his friends a work on metaphysics prepared by him, which for its richness and strength of thought excited their surprise and admiration. The work showed great originality and in it he left a living testimony to the extraordinary mental power of the man.

Mr. Sterrett was a member of Lebanon Presbyterian church, in which he had been an elder for about 40 years. He never married. He left one brother, Mr. William M. Sterrett of Rockbridge Baths, and a number of nephews and nieces who held him in warm affection.—Rockbridge County News

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